

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowance of claim 9, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged and appreciated.

Claims 4, 7, 8 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Park et al. Applicant respectfully transgresses this rejection with respect to claims 4, 7 and 8, because the cited reference does not disclose (or suggest) that the first and second columnar pieces are integral to the front surface, as described in claim 4.

The Examiner states that the claimed front surface is disclosed by the forward most portion 131 of Fig. 4 in Park et al., and that the rear edges 133a and 133b discloses the claimed first and second columnar pieces. As shown in Fig. 4, the rear edges 133a and 133b are clearly separate from the forward most portion 131 in Park et al.

In contrast, the first and second columnar pieces are integral with the front surface in the present invention. For this reason, claim 4 and its dependent claims 7-9 are allowable over the cited reference.

Applicant respectfully traverses with respect to claim 13, because the cited reference does not disclose (or suggest) the claimed recess formed on the front surface so as to define an air clogging dished space in front of the front rail.

The Examiner asserts that the "centrally disposed notched (unnumbered) formed on the front surface" discloses the claimed recess. The notch of Park et al. divides the upper surface of a cross rail 130 into two parts, and is designed to allow sufficient air flow through the negative pressure cavity 150 to prevent delay in the slider take-off period.

See column 7, lines 11-17. The notch, however, cannot define an air clogging dish space in front of the cross rail 130, as in the present invention. For this reason, claim 13 is allowable over Park et al.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The Examiner should contact Applicants' undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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